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1. Sliven, which has a population of approximately 150,000, has a large number of various types of factories. It may be considered as one of Bulgaria's most important industrial cities.

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"Elprom" Electric Light Bulb Factory

2. The "Elprom" Electric Light Bulb Factory of Sliven was constructed in 1950, and informant was permitted to visit it. It is located on the road leading from the railroad station past the city baths into Sliven.
3. The factory occupies an area about 200 by 150 meters in size. It is enclosed partially by a wall two meters high and partially by a wire fence of the same height. The numbers below are keyed to the sketch of the factory area shown on page 2:

1. Guardhouse.

2. A 2-story horseshoe-shaped building. The central part is approximately 90 meters long and the wings are 60 meters long. It is about 30 meters wide. It has one large room on the first floor and one large room on the second floor, without any divisions, where the light bulbs are produced. the bulbs and the filaments for the light bulbs are made in the central part of the building.

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3. Coke furnace and gasometer for the combustible gas needs of the factory. Shed 20 by 10 meters in size. A small gasometer is located in the building.

4. Gardens.

5. Entrance.

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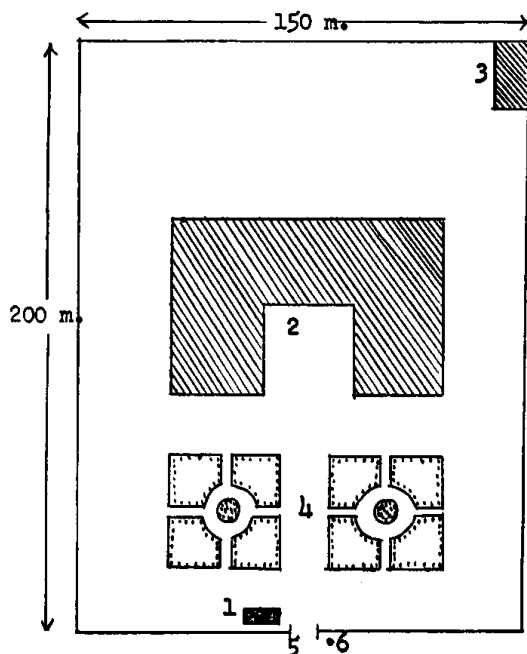
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6. Guard armed with automatic rifle with 72-round drum magazine.



4. Approximately 300 workers are employed in a single shift. The plant does not produce either radio tubes or elements for them.

"Vasil Kolarov" Glassworks

5. The "Vasil Kolarov" Glassworks is located in the first foothills of the mountains north of Sliven. The buildings occupy an area approximately 250 meters square, which is enclosed by a wall.
6. The numbers below are keyed to the sketch of the factory area shown on page 3:
1. Coke furnace, which produces gas for the glass furnaces. A 3-story building approximately 50 by 50 meters, with twin-sloped tile roof. The furnaces for gas production and gasometers are located in this building. The gas is distributed through underground pipes.
 2. Glassworks. A 3-story building, about 50 by 50 meters, with twin-sloped tile roof. Inside are the furnaces for baking the glass. Included among the machinery [redacted] was an automatic "Malv" of Bresso (Milan) machine, which can attain a maximum temperature of 530° C. for tempering the glass.
 3. Warehouses for processed glass and sand. Approximately 300 by 25 meters.
 4. Chimneys.
 5. Guard house, which informant defines as "small."

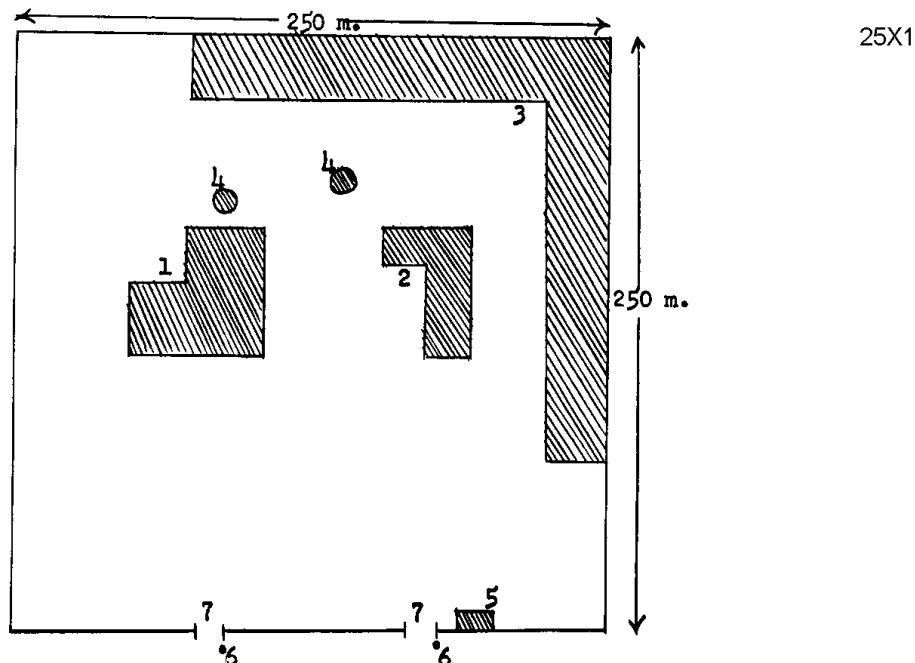
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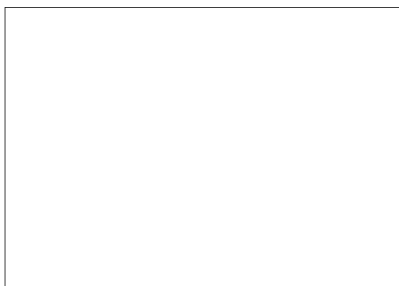
6. Guard armed with PPSH automatic rifle with 72-round drum magazine.
7. Entrance.



7. Approximately 400 workers are employed in one single shift. Production consists of bottles, glasses, plates, etc. Specialized workers receive a salary of 28 leva per day. The factory has two or three trucks of its own.

Textile Factory

8. A textile factory is located in the immediate vicinity of the "Vasil Kolarov" Glassworks described above. It employs approximately 150 workers, all gypsies gathered from this area, taken away from their nomadic and indolent ways. Production consists of various cotton goods, woolen cloth for clothing, cloth for linens, etc.



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